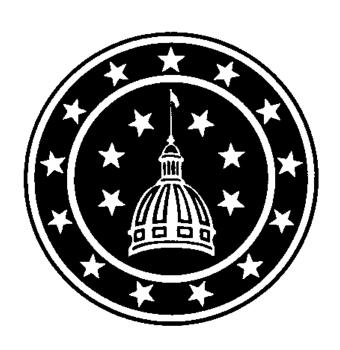
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES



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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (Commission) was established by IC 2-5-27.2 to do the following:

- (1) Develop a long range plan to stimulate further development of cost effective, innovative models of community based services, including recommendations that identify implementation schedules, plans for resource development, and appropriate regulatory changes.
- (2) Review and make recommendations regarding any unmet needs for mental retardation and developmental disability services, including the following:
 - (A) Community residential and family support services.
 - (B) Services for aging families caring for their children who have mental retardation and adults with a developmental disability.
 - (C) Services for families in emergency or crisis situations.
 - (D) Services needed to move children and adults from nursing homes and state hospitals to the community.
- (3) Study and make recommendations for the state to use state employees or contract with a private entity to manage and implement home and community based services waivers under 42 U.S.C. 1396n(c).
- (4) Study and make recommendations regarding state funding needed to provide supplemental room and board costs for individuals who otherwise qualify for residential services under the home and community based services waivers.
- (5) Monitor and recommend changes for improvements in the implementation of home and community based services waivers managed by the state or by a private entity.
- (6) Review and make recommendations regarding the implementation of the comprehensive plan prepared by the developmental disabilities task force established by P.L.245-1997, SECTION 1.
- (7) Review and make recommendations regarding the development by the division of disability and rehabilitative services of a statewide plan to address quality assurance in community based services.
- (8) Annually review the infants and toddlers with disabilities program established under IC 12-12.7-2.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Commission met one time during the 2007 interim session on October 16, 2006, to hear reports from the Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) and the Arc of Indiana and the Indiana Association of Rehabilitative Facilities (INARF).

III. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

At the October 16 meeting, the Commission received a report from DDRS covering the programs offered by DDRS, the effort being undertaken by the DDRS to assess staffing needs for salaries and professional development for care givers, the closing of Fort Wayne Developmental Center and Silvercrest, and First Steps. The Arc of Indiana and INARF provided the Commission with comments on the status of DDRS and their priorities for the future.

More details on the meeting can be obtained from the minutes which can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at http://www.in.gov/legislative/.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commission made no recommendations.